

Votes of the House of Assembly on the second expulsion of W. L. Mackenzie, Esq. member for the county of York.

HOUSE OF ASSEMBLY, SATURDAY 7th JANUARY, 1832.

The Solicitor General, seconded by Mr. Elliott, moves that it be *Resolved*.

That William Lyon Mackenzie, Esq. a member returned to represent the county of York, in Provincial Parliament has been expelled this house during the present session, for the publication of certain gross, scandalous and malicious libels, intended and calculated to bring this house, and the government of the Province into contempt, and to excite groundless suspicion and distrust in the minds of the inhabitants of this Province as to the proceedings and motives of their Representatives.

That since his re-election in a certain newspaper called the Colonial Advocate, dated 5th January instant, in an article therein published, entitled "articles of impeachment or public accusations read and submitted to the consideration of the electors of the county of York, in county court assembled on Monday 2d January 1832 by Mr. Mackenzie their late member against the Lieutenant Governor and the advisers of the Crown," of which he has avowed himself the author, and in a certain other article in the same paper of the same date purporting to be an address, "*To the people of Upper Canada*" of which he has also acknowledged himself the author, has, in high contempt of this house and its privileges not only re-asserted the said gross, scandalous and malicious libels for which he the said William Lyon Mackenzie had been expelled, but hath also in the said articles endeavoured by false, scandalous and malicious representations to cause his Majesty's subjects of this Province, to believe that the majority of their representatives should be held in execration and abhorrence by posterity, as enemies to the liberties of the people they represent,—as persons who would by violent and unconstitutional means destroy the liberty of the press, and convert the fifty members of which this house is composed into tyrants, in close and unholy alliance with trained bands of public robbers.

Wherefore it is Resolved. That the said William Lyon Mackenzie be expelled this house and declared unfit and unworthy to hold a seat therein.

Mr. MacNab, seconded by Mr. Vankoughnett, moves, in amendment, that after the word "therein" the following words be added "during the present Parliament."

On which amendment the house divided and the yeas and nays were taken as follows :

Yeas. Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Crooks, Elliott, A. Fraser, Jarvis, Jones, Lewis, McMartin, McNab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, Vankoughnett, Warren, Werden, J. Willson, W. Wilson, 27.

Nays. Messrs. Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Duncombe, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, A. McDonald, D. McDonald, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver, White, 19.

The question of amendment was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.

The original question as amended was then put, on which the house divided as follows :

Yeas Messrs. Attorney General, Berczy, Boulton, Brown, Burwell, Chisholm, Crooks, Elliott, A. Fraser, Jarvis, Jones, Lewis, McMartin, MacNab, Magon, Morris, Mount, Robinson, Samson, Shade, Sol. General, Thomson, Vankoughnett, Warren, Werden, J. Willson, W. Wilson, 27.

Nays Messrs. Beardsley, Bidwell, Buell, Campbell, Clark, Cook, Duncombe, Howard, Ketchum, Lyons, McCall, A. McDonald, D. McDonald, Norton, Perry, Randal, Roblin, Shaver, White, 19.

The question was carried in the affirmative by a majority of eight.